

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for transferring media data to a network coupled apparatus, comprising:

(a) maintaining a personal information space identified with a user including media data, the personal information space being coupled to a network

(b) obtaining difference information comprising differences between a representation of at least a portion of the media data and a representation of a copy of at least a portion of the media data from a prior point in time; and

~~(b) (c)~~ transferring ~~at least a portion of the media data~~ the difference information from the personal information space to the network coupled apparatus ~~in a differencing transaction~~ in response to a user request.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 further including the step, prior to step (a), of receiving information into the personal information space.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of receiving comprises receiving data from a first network coupled apparatus, and said step ~~(b)~~ (c) includes transferring said media data to a second network coupled apparatus.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 38 further including the step, following step (a), of identifying the private information space associated with the user by prompting a user login from said automotive computer and retrieving login information input by the user.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the media data comprises a directory of digital media files.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said step (a) comprises providing

a storage server having a network connection, and code on the storage server interacting with the personal information space ; ~~and the method further includes the step, prior to said step (b), of:~~

~~generating at least a first differencing transaction comprising at least a portion of said media data to be transferred in said step (b).~~

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the method further includes:

(~~e~~) (d) providing code on a network-coupled apparatus which receives said ~~at least portion of the media data~~ difference information and stores the ~~media data~~ difference information on the network-coupled apparatus.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of transferring comprises instantiating code on a network-coupled server storing said personal information space to output the ~~media data~~ difference information to the network-coupled apparatus.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of transferring comprises instantiating code on the network-coupled apparatus to retrieve the ~~media data~~ difference information.

11. – 26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) A system for transferring digital media between a plurality of network coupled devices, comprising:

a personal information store containing digital media readable by an application program;

a data transfer request initiator coupled to the personal information store; and

a device engine operatively coupled to the data transfer request initiator and responsive to the initiator to transfer digital media between the store and one of said plurality of network coupled devices, the device engine including an application object for mapping the digital media into a ~~temporary data structure~~ a data format not readable by the application program.

28. (original) The system of claim 27 wherein the personal information store is provided on a server.

29. (original) The system of claim 28 wherein the server is coupled to the Internet.
30. (original) The system of claim 28 wherein the server includes at least a portion of the device engine.
31. (original) The system of claim 27 wherein the device engine is provided on a server which includes at least a portion of the personal information store.
32. (original) The system of claim 31 wherein the data transfer request initiator is provided on said at least one of said plurality of network-coupled devices and comprises code on said one of said plurality of network-coupled devices to operatively engage the device engine to transfer digital media between the store and the one of the plurality of network-coupled devices.
33. – 37. (canceled)
38. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the network coupled apparatus is an automotive computer.